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Grace F. Napolitano
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
31st District of California

March 29, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Emergency Operations Center Upgrades** in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the **City of La Verne**, located at **3660 D St., La Verne, CA 91750**.

The funding would be used for upgrading the city's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Currently, the EOC lacks sufficient technical capabilities to alert residents to emergencies such as catastrophic wildfires, power outages, or other natural disasters. The city is especially vulnerable to these specific emergencies, given its position within the urban-wildland interface and its risk for wildfires. The project includes new wire cabling, battery backups, wireless access points, affixed power generators, a backup server, network security infrastructure, and the expansion of video camera systems that will support incident management and safety monitoring for emergency events that may arise in the community. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these upgrades would greatly benefit the city's ability to respond to emergencies and keep residents, both local and regional, informed of critical updates related to their safety.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196c), as amended by section 202 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (9/11 Act).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Grace F. Napolitano
Member of Congress